



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Hon. Rebecca Albrecht is currently assigned to the Civil Department. She previously served in the Juvenile Court Department. Prior to that she served as the Associate Presiding Judge, as the Domestic Relations Presiding Judge and as a trial judge in the civil, special assignment, domestic relations and criminal departments. She was appointed to the bench in 1985. Prior to 1985, she served as a commissioner assigned to the juvenile court department. She has also been a trial lawyer with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, handling both juvenile and felony cases. Judge Albrecht is a graduate of Arizona State University and received her B.A. in 1971 and her J.D. in 1975. She is an active member of the Maricopa County Bar Association. She served as the Bar's President in 1990-1991, is a member of the MCBA Board of Directors and chairs various committees. She also represents the County Bar in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. Also, for the American Bar Association, she served on the National Council of Bar Presidents' Executive Committee, as Chair of the Metropolitan Bar Leaders' Caucus, and as a member of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee. Judge Albrecht is a Founding Master of the Horace Rumpole Inn of the American Inns of Court and served as a member of the Trial Court Performance Standards of the National Center for State Courts. She is the past chair of the Lawyer's Conference of the Judicial Administration Division of the American Bar Association and serves on the IOLTA Commission. Judge Albrecht is involved in a number of community activities.



Ten years after she got her law degree, Judge Albrecht was sworn in as a judge. As one of a handful of women on the bench in the mid-1980s, she distinguished herself from the beginning as a leader. In 1990, she became the first woman to be installed as president of the Maricopa County Bar Association. In 1992, she became the presiding judge of the court's Domestic Relations Department where she spearheaded a comprehensive study to reorganize services, eventually leading to the innovative Self-Service Center for litigants without lawyers. In 1993, she was selected as the first and only woman to serve as Superior Court's Associate Presiding Judge. She is a popular seminar leader for many professional legal and judicial organizations and has conducted workshops throughout Arizona, Washington, California, Florida, and at the National Judicial College in Nevada.